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from the Governor

On Maryland Day 2005, I hosted a State House ceremony to publicly thank those who are serving to keep our State and nation safe. Many of those serving are our fellow Marylanders who have been called to service in Iraq, Afghanistan and duty stations around the world.

Colonel Thomas Hutchins and Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George Owings joined me in saluting these heroes, which included several members of the Maryland State Police. I was honored to place the first "yellow ribbon of remembrance" on a State Police patrol car. I commend Colonel Hutchins for honoring and remembering Maryland State Police employees who

are defending our State and nation through their military service.

Whether serving abroad in the military, or continuing to serve and protect our citizens here at home, your public service is deeply appreciated. I have tremendous respect for the hard work and sacrifices made by our State's police officers, troopers, sheriffs, first responders, corrections and rehabilitation officers. Public service gives you a unique opportunity to make a fundamental difference in the lives of others. This is something you and the other members of our State's public safety community do, both quietly and heroically, each and every day.

As Governor, I am working to ensure that you have the support and resources you need to perform your duties. By implementing Project Exile, building new and better prisons, improving our

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor



Col. Thomas E. Hutchins

Secretary's Message

A report recently released by the U. S. Census is another reminder of the important impact the women and men of the Maryland State Police can have on the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of our State. The report examined the commute

times of residents from each state.

For the second consecutive year, Maryland ranks second only to New York for the longest

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Maryland State Police Secretary Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins and Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George Owings assist Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. in placing the *Support Our Troops* decal in the window of a Maryland State Police patrol vehicle.

(PHOTO BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE) Please note: The decal was placed for photographic purposes only. Proper placement is given on the next page.

MARYLAND DAY BRINGS OUT THE YELLOW RIBBONS

by Elena Russo, Deputy Director

Office of Media Communications and Marketing

On March 25, 2005, with the assistance of the American Legion, Maryland State Police Secretary Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins initiated the *Yellow Ribbon Campaign* in support of Maryland State Police personnel who are serving in the military.

Surely, you have noticed motorists nationwide exhibiting their support for the United States military with ribbons placed on their automobiles. Thanks to the generous contribution of decals and lapel pins from Adjutant Tom Davis and the American Legion, the Maryland State Police can now show their support with a unique yellow ribbon and flag decal. The new static cling decal is authorized for display on the rear windows of every patrol vehicle in the fleet for the duration of the war.

As part of the announcement this past Maryland Day 2005, General Bruce F. Tuxill of the Maryland National Guard, Secretary George Owings of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and State Commander Ed White of the American Legion joined Colonel Hutchins to honor Maryland State Police employees serving on active duty. Additionally, the audience heard how important support from home can be from two of the first Maryland State Police troopers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Corporal Charles Leas and Trooper First Class David Whipp. Finally, with assistance from Maryland State Highway's bucket truck, Colonel Hutchins was lifted into the air to hang a large yellow ribbon on the Maryland State Police archway.

On the first Maryland Day in 1634, voyagers aboard two sailing vessels gave thanks at the end of their safe journey. Americans will do the same as their soldiers return to American soil. As for now, we dress our automobiles and ourselves with the yellow ribbon as a constant reminder while we await their return.



Maryland State Police Secretary Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins prepares to place a giant yellow ribbon on the Headquarters archway. (PHOTO BY PATRICIA MCCOY)



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Materials should be placed on the rear window, within a 7-inch square area in the lower corner, or placed on the side windows to the rear of the driver. They must not interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic.



We've saved 55,000 gallons of gasoline since last year. Thanks for your conservation efforts and keep up the good work.

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commuting times to work. People living in Baltimore had the sixth longest commuting time among cities in the nation. One in 20 people living in Baltimore travels 90 minutes to work each day.

The mission of the Maryland State Police is supported by five goals, each of which should be our focus during every tour of duty. Two of these goals are to enforce the traffic laws of Maryland and manage traffic incidents to minimize disruptions in traffic flow.

What you do each day as a Maryland State Trooper or a civilian in support is important. When you enforce the traffic laws you are protecting the lives of those commuters on their way to or from work, school, shopping or travel.

More than 600 people die on Maryland roadways each year. Traffic collisions are not accidents. They are crashes. Traffic crashes occur because of specific reasons and causes. Most of those causes are the result of a violation of Maryland traffic law. It is our sworn obligation to enforce that law.

When you respond appropriately to the scene of a crash and enlist the assistance of the necessary resource agencies to set up detours and remove vehicles, you are minimizing disruptions in traffic flow. Your efforts directly impact those hundreds or thousands of commuters headed by your scene.

I have given the Maryland State Police command staff clear direction that everything we do in planning within the Department should lead to supporting and increasing our operational effectiveness. With the support of Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele, we are working hard to provide you the best tools to do the job.

Our job is not only to enforce traffic laws and manage traffic incidents, but to also enforce the criminal laws, while recovering drugs, guns, stolen property, and other contraband. Our job is saving lives, arresting criminals, and protecting the citizens of Maryland and their property.

This is a great job, but it is not just a job. It is a commitment—a commitment of time, talent, ingenuity, energy, and enthusiasm. This is a job with meaning and purpose. When we do it well, lives are saved, the quality of life in Maryland is enhanced, and the tradition of "Maryland's Finest" is continued.

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and strengthening laws protecting witnesses and victims of crime, and targeting the link between drug use and crime, the Ehrlich Administration will push for policies that help to make our jobs easier and safer.

By saving and protecting lives, you affect people in the most profound and important way possible. I, along with all citizens of the great State of Maryland, am grateful for your commitment and service.

TROOPERS KEEPING PACE WITH CRUISING CRIMINALS

An expanding team of specially trained State Troopers focusing on criminals in transit throughout Maryland has established a steady pace for success in the first two months of this year after recovering more than 200 pounds of drugs and arresting more than 30 criminals.

In the first two months of 2005, the Maryland State Police Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE) Team arrested 33 criminals, six of whom were fugitives, and recovered 191 pounds of marijuana, 38 pounds of cocaine, and three guns during traffic stops on state highways. PACE Team troopers also took custody of nine vehicles used to smuggle

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MSP

June 1, 1935 to June 1, 2005



ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL PROFILING AND THE CONSENT DECREE

by Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins

For some time now, the Maryland State Police has been involved in ongoing civil litigation regarding allegations of racial profiling by the Department and individual troopers. These allegations were first brought against the Department in 1992 and resulted in the filing of two cases, which have since been combined into one case titled NAACP vs. the Maryland State Police.

The Maryland State Police has not, does not, and will not condone the use of racial profiling. Not only is the use of race as a basis for detaining and searching people unconstitutional and illegal under Maryland law, it is in direct violation of the Department's long standing policy against racial profiling.

As part of the ongoing litigation, the Department is bound by the terms of a Consent Decree. A Consent Decree is an agreement between the litigating parties which requires the Maryland State Police to perform certain tasks, including data collection, training and continued review of the Department policies and procedures against racial profiling. The Consent Decree in no way prevents the State Police from continuing its law enforcement duties. I expect each and every one of you to continue the duties and responsibilities of your job by:

- a. Stopping motorists who violate the law
- b. Seeking consent searches
- c. Using K-9 scans
- d. Engaging in conversation with motorists that may elicit information indicative of criminal conduct
- e. Making observations of motorists' conduct, appearance and their vehicles to determine the presence of criminal activity and
- f. Taking the appropriate action on those observations.

Due to an agreement between involved parties, the Consent Decree is scheduled to end in May 2008. However, troopers, supervisors and commanders can expect increased management, oversight and accountability to continue at every level of the State Police as a permanent component of MSP policy.

Although the parties to the litigation have agreed to the terms of the Consent Decree, several outstanding claims against the Department remain. We know of no facts that suggest unlawful conduct by our troopers or our supervisors and so we continue to vigorously counter the remaining claims through the assistance of the Attorney General's Office.

The Consent Decree requires the collection of certain data relating to traffic stops. This collection of data is separate and apart from the data on traffic stops that is required to be collected under the Transportation Article of Maryland. In 2001, the Maryland General Assembly passed a law requiring all law enforcement agencies within the State of Maryland to collect certain data on specific traffic stops. This law is in effect for five years, from 2001 through 2006, and resulted in the creation of the MSP Form #216.

The Consent Decree has created several advantages for the Department. First, it acknowledges our troopers' authority to continue using important law enforcement tools such as consent searches and K-9 scans. Secondly, the Decree has enabled the Department to seek funding for additional patrol technologies to help maintain its policy against racial profiling. This enhanced technology serves many purposes including the use of automated work tools for commanders and supervisors in assessing trooper job performance and the maintenance of professional policing through use of management awareness tools.

To ensure compliance with the Consent Decree, the Department hired a consultant, Dr. Eli Silverman, who prepared a six and 12 month evaluation report for the Department's review. This report outlined several potential leadership challenges for us. All commissioned officers received a copy of the report and were requested to provide suggestive feedback. All NCOs will be required to read the report and comment if they choose to do so. To further enhance the management of the Consent Decree, I have established the Professional Policing Division. This new division is responsible for ensuring professional policing practices continue within the State Police both now and after the Consent Decree expires.

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Captain Suzanne Jordan has been designated as the Commander of the Professional Policing Division. Retired Captain Dennis Murphey has been engaged as the Consent Decree Coordinator and will continue his responsibilities for overseeing the implementation of the Consent Decree. Additionally, a data collection manager will soon be in place. This new division will have oversight of the following:

1. Maintaining Consent Decree compliance through a proactive, working relationship between Dennis Murphey and MSP commanders.
2. Overseeing data collection to ensure that the mandated data collection process is complete, accurate and timely.
3. Supervising an internal policy oversight committee that will review the Department's policies and procedures to ensure they are in line with the mission of the Department and to further provide a forum to constantly maintain focus on this key issue; thereby, institutionalizing this policy as a major priority for all troopers and the MSP.

Policies concerning professional policing will affect your everyday practices. You are doing the job 24 hours a day and you know what is working and what needs to be improved. Therefore, I encourage you to submit your comments and suggestions to the Professional Policing Division. Commanders will hold troopers to the highest standards set forth by the policies and procedures of the Maryland State Police.

It is important we emphasize the expectations of the citizens of Maryland and with those just passing through our great state. Everyone must do his/her part to ensure that there will be no exceptions to the rules relating to racial profiling. All of us must continue to apply all the skills and knowledge of our chosen profession to make Maryland highways a safe place for all. I am proud to report that the Maryland State Police has worked hard to continue its high standards of police work. This has been accomplished by:

1. Securing grant monies to help purchase 43 additional in-car cameras and repair parts to supplement the 147 units currently in the field, and the placement of mobile data computers in all patrol

- cars from corporal through trooper;
2. An updated citizens information brochure;
3. Participation in a Police-Citizens Advisory Committee which resulted in several recommendations for the Department;
4. Development of long term management tasks;
5. Training of all police personnel on how to conduct a complete traffic stop which was completed in September 2004 for in-service personnel and will continue for all new uniformed hires;
6. Training on how to handle complaints regarding allegations of racial profiling and a new tracking system; and finally,
7. Enhancement of the 800 telephone hotline listed on the citizens information brochure, dedicated to accepting complaints from motorists.

As the Department of State Police, we need to maintain our commitment to professional policing. Throughout this entire process, we have never once agreed with any allegations that racial profiling has been used by the Maryland State Police and I will continue to support the great work you do each and every day. Our mission is clear and we will not be deterred. If you have additional questions or comments on these issues, please contact Captain Suzanne Jordan at 410-653-4272. Again, I want to be very clear that I expect all troopers to continue to enforce the transportation and criminal laws of Maryland and to do your best to make Maryland a safe place for all.



6th Annual
Motorcycle Ride
to benefit
Maryland Concerns of
Police Survivors

Sunday, June 12, 2005

Hosted by
Maryland Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #89

For more information contact FOP Lodge
#89 at 301-952-0882 or check out the
COPS website at www.mdcops.org

TROOPERS NOMINATED FOR BALTIMORE SUN POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Thirteen Maryland State Troopers were honored at a luncheon on Friday, April 8, 2005, hosted by The Baltimore Sun in Annapolis. The 13 troopers were nominated for the Police Officer of the Year Awards for Excellence in Law Enforcement and Outstanding Community Service.

Here are the Maryland State Police nominees and why they were chosen:

TFC Emmett Adams, Glen Burnie Barracks
Issued 1,641 citations and 487 warnings. Made 19 DUI arrests, 33 CDS, 59 criminal and 2 juvenile arrests. Further investigated a credit card fraud case resulting in a search and seizure warrant and recovery of \$15,000 in stolen property. Additionally, a counterfeit operation was discovered leading to joint investigation with Secret Service.

TFC Kevin Beauchamp, Salisbury Barracks

Displays professionalism and confidence. Is proactive and leads by example. Performance included 62 criminal arrests, 1,585 traffic documents issued and 59 DUIs. Organized and supervised "alcohol stings" for underage alcohol compliance checks. His dedication to enforce underage alcohol sales resulted in an arrest rate increase of 150 percent.

TFC Bruce W. Bevard, Jr. Prince Frederick Barracks

Produced 2,895 stops, 60 DUI arrests, 72 criminal apprehensions and 9 CDS arrests. DUI production placed him fourth statewide. Investigated 42 criminal complaints with a 76 percent closure rate. Authored a search warrant resulting in the arrest of the suspect and recovery of a firearm.

TFC Chasity Blades Drug Enforcement Division

Responsible for 56 drug investigations, authored 34 search and seizure warrants, made 26 arrests, seized \$6,696 in U.S. currency, 9.2 pounds of marijuana, 1.3 pounds of cocaine and 10.3 ounces of crack cocaine.

TFC Deborah Flory Cyber Terrorism Section

Investigates Internet theft and fraud cases. She has an 84 percent case closure rate. Specializes in Ebay/PayPal fraud and she received a Certificate of Appreciation from Ebay/PayPal for her investigative skills. She was instrumental in the recovery of approximately \$24,000.

TFC Jeffrey L. Linger Leonardtown Barracks

Top producing trooper in CDS arrests. In 2004, he had 131 criminal apprehensions. He has separated himself from every other trooper at the barrack in all aspects of law enforcement.

TFC Lee Link, Golden Ring Barracks

Issued 1,346 citations, made 34 DUI arrests, 28 criminal arrests and 11 for CDS. Seized currency, weapons and recovered property in several arrests. Nominated for the Barrack Trooper of the Year.

TFC Andrew J. Mohan, Forestville Barracks

While off duty and stuck in traffic, noticed smoke in area of gas station in College Park. Grabbed his fire extinguisher and ran to scene. Encountered a female who doused herself with gasoline and set herself on fire. Without hesitation, knocked victim down and extinguished fire. Administered first aid until EMS arrived.

TFC Jeffrey S. Pettitt, Centreville Barracks

Performs in an outstanding manner and is well respected by colleagues. Is one of the top producers of his group at the barracks. Had 35 CDS arrests, 82 criminal arrests, 16 DUI arrests, and 1,186 traffic stops. Has been consistently one of the top producers for the last seven years.

Trooper David E. Ryan, Rockville Barracks

During 2004, had 44 criminal apprehensions, 30 DUI arrests and issued 1,542 traffic citations. Investigated 239 motor vehicle crashes. Saved a man who had jumped/fallen 80 feet from a bridge. Climbed down ravine in total darkness to administer life saving medical care and assisted in extracting him to waiting helicopter.

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SUN NOMINATIONS *(continued)***TFC Colin R. Sweitzer, Berlin Barracks**

Highly motivated and model for colleagues. Outstanding performance for 2004. Led barrack in traffic stops (2,484) and DUI arrests (64) and second in criminal arrests (55). Uniform and equipment maintained in immaculate condition. Obtained certificates as field sobriety test instructor, baton instructor, fitness coordinator, and field training trooper.

TFC David T. Wagoner, McHenry Barracks

Consistently high producer in all areas of traffic enforcement, as well as criminal investigations. Issued 1,003 citations, 540 warnings, 20 DUI arrests, 23 criminal arrests and 7 CDS arrests. On October 21, 2004, rescued an operator from a burning tractor trailer and was nominated for a Governor's lifesaving award.

TFC David W. Yates, Cumberland Barracks

Exhibits strong work ethic for others to emulate. Made 1,144 traffic stops, removed 35 impaired drivers from Maryland highways, and made 63 criminal apprehensions. Is a team player who always assists his colleagues. Is very courteous to the public and presents a positive image of the Maryland State Police.

ARRESTS MADE IN CHARLES COUNTY ARSON

Six men from Southern Maryland have been arrested and charged with multiple counts of arson and attempted arson in connection with what is being called the largest arson in Maryland history.

The fires in the Hunters Brooke development off of Hawthorne Road near Indian Head in Charles County involved more than 100 investigators from the Office of the State Fire Marshal; the Charles County Sheriff's Office; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Information was developed linking the suspects to the crime that caused \$10,000,000 in damage. Fires



in twenty homes under construction in the development were determined to be arson. Flames from the burning homes damaged an additional six homes. Investigators also found evidence that arson had also been attempted in ten homes.

Spread well over ten acres, the crime scene was examined by teams of investigators including nationally certified fire origin and cause experts from the Office of the Maryland State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives National Response Team (NRT) along with technicians and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and detectives from the Charles County Sheriff's Office. Fire investigators and specially trained K-9 units from the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department, the Anne Arundel County Fire Marshal's Office, and the Fairfax County, Virginia Fire and Rescue Department also rendered valuable assistance. The Maryland State Police provided investigative staff along with crucial logistical support including their mobile command unit during the duration of the on-scene examinations. The on-scene operation was initiated while fire department units were still extinguishing the blazes and continued until late Friday evening, December 10, 2004.

More than 100 firefighters responded to the initial dispatch at 4:54 a.m. on December 6, 2004. Firefighters were able to control the blazes in just over two hours without injury. Fire units were recalled to the scene over the next few days to extinguish hot spots.

The Charles County Department of Public Works and the Maryland State Highway Administration assisted investigators by providing machinery and high-output lighting systems during the on-scene examinations. The Anne Arundel Alarmers, a fire service canteen support unit staffed by volunteers, provided food and refreshments to the investigative teams for several days.

Investigators are not releasing the method used to ignite the fires; however, ignitable liquids are believed to have been used by the suspects. Laboratory analysis is being conducted to help identify the material. Additionally, although the exact motive for the crime actively remains under investigation, "eco-terrorism" is not suspected.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE RAISES \$625,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

by Denise K. Masimore, Office of Media Communications and Marketing

More than 2,700 brave plungers weren't discouraged by the 33 degree water temperature as they participated in the 9th Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Maryland. The Maryland State Police organized event benefits 10,000 Maryland Special Olympians who participate in year-round sports training and competition.

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele, and Maryland State Police Secretary Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins led plungers into the water at Sandy Point State Park on Saturday, January 29, 2005.

The Super Plungers (formerly the Flying Pig Patrol) raised a total of \$125,000. These brave men and women plunged 24 times (from 2 p.m. on Friday, January 28 until 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 29). Super plungers included Captain Laurie Billmeyer, Maryland Transportation Authority Police; Ray Chadwick, Regional Vice President of Sales, Medtronic; Zach Chadwick, student at Indian Creek Middle School; Todd Cowing, Turf Equipment and Supply Company; Nate Garland, Chief Executive Officer, Big Bats Restaurants, Inc.; Patrick Hanratty, Airport Operations Manager, FedEx; Chief Doug Holland, Hyattsville City Police Department; Dave Jiron, Realtor, Flaherty Group Realty; Peggy Kraft, General Manager, Harley Davidson of Maryland; Jimmy Myrick, Jr., Maryland Special Olympian; Mark Nash, Owner, Party Perfect; Lieutenant John Newnan, Howard County Police Department; Ryan Newnan, student, McDaniel College; Matt Palm, Area Manager, Allstate Building Services; Corporal Gene Piscitelli, Winston-Salem, North Carolina Police Department; Rob Roblin, WBAL-TV reporter; Mike Rorabaugh, District Sales Manager, Coca-Cola Enterprises; Tom Schniedwind, Senior Vice President of Sports Marketing for Special Olympics Maryland; Inca Schultz, Verizon; Greg Shipley, Maryland State Police; Trey Wallace, General Contractor/Carpenter - PHB, Inc.; Tina Wehner-Ice, Owner, Harley Davidson of Maryland.

Event sponsors included Aerotek, Harley Davidson



The beach at Sandy Point State Park was crowded with 8,000 participants and spectators for the 9th Annual Polar Bear Plunge on January 29, 2005. (PHOTOGRAPH BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE)

of Maryland, Inc., 102.7 WQSR Radio, Big Bats Café, Southwest Airlines, Apple Ford, Constellation Energy Group, FedEx, Baltimore Running Festival, Mac's Miracle Fund, Council of Ravens Roosts, Business Network International, Graul's Markets, 1st Mariner Bank, Shipley's Fine Jewelry, Saucy Salamander Catering Company, Seattle's Best Coffee, Studio 921 Salon & Day Spa, marylandnightlife.com, Gardiners Furniture, Baltimore Chapter of the Harley Owners Group, the Ladies of Harley and PMI.

Additional law enforcement and state partners included the Maryland Natural Resources Police, Maryland State Forest and Park Service Rangers, Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis Police Department, Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, and the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

With \$50 in pledges, anyone can be a plunger. You will receive the official Polar Bear Plunge sweatshirt, complimentary Big Bats Café lunch and a group photo. If you raise more than \$50, you are eligible for additional items. So, if you like cold sand, icy water and you are a little insane, join us for next year's plunge and get the chill of your life!

This event has been a huge success because of the caring and giving of our sponsors, law enforcement and state partners, volunteers and the plungers. Thank you for the support you have shown the Maryland State Police and Special Olympics Maryland.

We also thank the Maryland State Police 123rd Trooper Candidate Class for their participation and
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MSP GETS ADDITIONAL DNA COLLECTION ASSISTANCE

Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Joseph P. Manck and Sheriff George F. Johnson IV met with Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins and announced the assistance of the Court and Sheriff's Office in the collection of offender DNA samples for inclusion in Maryland's DNA data base.

Judge Manck announced that all persons convicted of qualifying criminal offenses will be immediately ordered to submit DNA samples to the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Johnson confirmed that trained personnel will be there to meet them. Personnel from the Sheriff's Office, trained by the State Police Forensic Sciences Division, will collect the DNA samples. The collected samples will be turned over to State Police and uploaded to Maryland's DNA data base.

Colonel Hutchins has implemented a number of initiatives to reduce the backlog of DNA samples required to be collected from offenders. He has asked for the assistance of county sheriffs and jail administrators to collect samples in their detention centers and as offenders enter the criminal justice system following conviction.

Judge Manck and Sheriff Johnson agreed to assist in this important effort. A successful pilot courthouse program has been underway for several months in Prince George's County. Other sheriffs assisting Maryland State Police include Carroll County Sheriff Kenneth Tregoning, Charles County Sheriff Frederick Davis, Frederick County Sheriff James Hagy, Garrett County Sheriff P. Richard Sanders, Harford County Sheriff Tom Golding and St. Mary's County Sheriff David Zylak.



(From L to R) Judge Joseph M. Manck witnesses the Memorandum of Understanding signing by Jay Tobin, MSP Forensic Sciences Division Director; Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins; and Sheriff George Johnson IV. (PHOTO BY GREG SHIPLEY)

COLONEL THOMAS S. SMITH, FORMER SUPERINTENDENT, DIES



Colonel Thomas Spence Smith, the first career Maryland State Police officer to attain the rank of Superintendent, died Wednesday, February 9, in his sleep at Genesis Spa Creek Center in Annapolis following a long illness. The Annapolis resident was 87.

Colonel Smith, who was born in Snow Hill on the Eastern Shore and moved to Annapolis at a young age with his family, rose through the ranks from Probationary Trooper to Superintendent and head of the State Police during his 41 ½ year career.

He was one of five who were appointed to the State Police in December 1940 from a field of 900 applicants. He received training at headquarters in Pikesville and in the field at Easton, Waterloo and Waldorf barracks before being promoted on December 11, 1941 to Trooper and assigned to Benson Barracks.

Colonel Smith was assigned to the Investigation and Identification Bureau a year later as a criminal investigator. Between 1942 and 1959, he rose through the ranks and was promoted to Lieutenant and Assistant Division Chief. In 1951, he was selected to work with the U.S. Senate Committee, known as the Kefauver Committee, probing organized crime and in 1956 he commanded rescue operations at a major train wreck in Odenton.

In June 1962, he took command of the newly formed Intelligence Unit and was promoted to Captain. In January 1965, he was made commander of the Investigation Division and three years later he was promoted to Major and the Chief of Technical Services.

In late 1968, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Chief of the Operations Bureau and commanded all field forces. He held this position until his appointment as State Police Superintendent in July 1970. Twelve years later Colonel Smith

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retired after serving Governors Marvin Mandel, Blair Lee III and Harry Hughes.

During his 41 ½ years of service in the State Police, Colonel Smith received many awards and commendations.

In 1969, Colonel Smith led the development of the first civilian helicopter medical evacuation program in the United States. This new high-speed transportation system supported Dr. R Adams Cowley's new and pioneering University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center "golden hour" concept and Maryland's emergency medical services system.

The spring of 1970 saw college campuses nationwide erupt in chaos when President Nixon announced attacks on Cambodia. Colonel Smith led more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and National Guard in restoring order at the University of Maryland College Park campus. These confrontations continued in the spring of both 1971 and 1972.

In 1972 Maryland experienced the most serious prison riot in its history. Fourteen hundred inmates took control of the House of Corrections in Jessup, setting it on fire and forcing all the guards to flee. Colonel Smith led hundreds of tactical troopers in regaining control by forcing back the inmates from escaping, putting out the fires and locking down all the prisoners.

In late 1973 the nation faced an energy crisis because of an oil embargo resulting in long gasoline lines and the imposition of the 55 mph National Maximum Speed Limit. Colonel Smith embarked on a series of innovative programs that brought national acclaim to the Maryland State Police. Education and enforcement programs with nicknames such as "Yellow Jacket," "Operation Spider," "BAT (Bus and Truck) Patrol," "the Hay Wagon," "Mother Goose," and "Operation CARE" (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) were widely deployed throughout the state.

In 1980, Colonel Smith received the Energy Efficiency Award from President Jimmy Carter at ceremonies in the White House in recognition of Maryland's Safe and Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Driver program. This was the only such award given to any law enforcement program in the nation.

"For more than four decades, Colonel Thomas S. Smith personified the highest standards of the Maryland State Police," Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins, Secretary, Maryland State Police said. "His ability to lead resulted in his being the longest serving Superintendent in State Police history.



Colonel Smith enjoyed his visit with Christopher Hutchins, newborn son of Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins and his wife, TFC Jacqueline Speelman.

Colonel Smith's service and leadership had a significant role in establishing the Maryland State Police as one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the nation," continued Colonel Hutchins.

Colonel Smith attended St. John's College in Annapolis and majored in economics and government. He was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Harvard Associates in Police Science.

He was a member of the Maryland State Police Alumni Association, Maryland Chiefs of Police, Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Fraternal Order of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Associates Association. In 1979, he was inducted as an honorary member of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1942.

He enjoyed boating, crabbing, fishing, tennis, and golf. He was also a member of the Annapolis Yacht Club, Valley Country Club of Baltimore, Mount Washington Club of Baltimore, Dunes Club of Ocean City, Annapolis Elks Club, and was the former charter president of the Gun Powder Lions Club.

In addition to his wife, the former Virginia Schmidt Ehreke, Colonel Smith is survived by two sons, Thomas S. Smith IV of Rochester, New York and Barry B. Smith of Bonita Springs, Florida; one grandson, Alexander B. Smith of New York City; two stepchildren, Scott L. Ehreke of Yukon, Oklahoma and Pamela E. Mayberry of Arnold, Maryland; two step grandchildren, Kimberly E. Hulett of Lady Lake, Florida and Kelly E. Parker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His first wife, the former Doris Crook, died in 1977.

A memorial service was held at the Towson United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. Colonel Smith was interred at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium, Maryland.

WORLD RENOWNED AVIATION COMMAND MARKS 35th ANNIVERSARY

Miracles in Maryland skies have become commonplace as an important component of the State's emergency medical services system marks another major milestone.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command is marking its 35th anniversary of providing air medical transport services to the citizens of Maryland. Since the inception of the MedEvac program, State Police flight crews have flown more than 110,000 critically injured patients to lifesaving care.

It was March 19, 1970, when a Maryland State Police crew flew a Bell Jet Ranger to the Baltimore Beltway for a critically injured patient at the scene of a motor vehicle crash. The patient was transported by the crew to the Shock Trauma Center at University Hospital in Baltimore. With this first transport, the vision of Dr. R Adams Cowley became a reality, and the "Golden Hour" would become a benchmark for trauma care around the world.

"The Maryland State Police is proud to be a part of our State's integrated emergency medical services system," Secretary of the Department of State Police Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins said. "The fire and rescue personnel, State Police crews, and trauma nurses and physicians form a dedicated and talented team that is unmatched anywhere. Lives are being saved daily in Maryland because of the effectiveness of this system and the commitment of the people who are part of it."

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command is still the only law enforcement aviation unit in the world to fulfill a multi-mission profile of statewide air medical transport, law enforcement, search and rescue and homeland security. The Command operates a fleet of 12 Dauphin twin jet engine helicopters and two fixed-wing aircraft. The helicopters are based at eight hangars strategically placed in locations that enable crews to reach victims anywhere in Maryland in less than 18 minutes.

State Police MedEvac services are provided free of charge. The Aviation Command is predominately funded by an \$11 annual fee that is paid when Marylanders renew their vehicle registrations.

The Aviation Command plans to celebrate this milestone with open houses at helicopter sections around the State this year. Other anniversary related events are also being planned.



**OPEN HOUSE
AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
AVIATION COMMAND
FREDERICK SECTION
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005**

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drugs. Four of those vehicles had built-in false compartments that were used to hide drugs, guns, or other contraband.

"The talent and tenacity of the troopers assigned to the PACE Team are what make this operation a success," Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins, Secretary of the Department of State Police said. "As we fulfill our mission to focus on inter- and intra-state crime and homeland security, this team is able to identify and apprehend criminals who are traveling daily in and through Maryland. The ability of these troopers to find drug and gun smugglers, fugitives, and other criminals directly impacts the safety of our communities, our cities and our state."

Soon after being appointed Secretary, Colonel Hutchins ordered an expansion of the teams that focus on highway criminal interdiction. Troopers selected for the teams undergo intense training in constitutional issues and recent court decisions involving search and seizure. Troopers also learn the latest techniques used by gun and drug smugglers, including how to identify hidden compartments.

Colonel Hutchins intends to establish a team of PACE troopers in each of the five troop regions. PACE Team troopers work traffic enforcement assignments each day in various areas of Maryland while they are on the alert for criminal activity.

Project54 WHAT ARE YOU?

It's a fully integrated, voice-operated police vehicle system. Developed by CATLab at the University of New Hampshire, Project54 was first introduced at the International Association of Chiefs of Police convention in November 2004.

Project54 integrates electronic devices into one common control system. The system is controlled from a central Windows-based computer program. The system creates a modular, scalable system that is easily installed, modified, expanded, inspected, and repaired.

By performing simple voice commands, troopers can control their lights, siren, radar, radio, GPS, video and perform record queries while keeping their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road.

The Project54 systems also enables officers to perform a number of data queries (driver's history, NCIC, etc.). Data queries can be done over a data radio, a CDPD connection or by accessing a database that is stored locally in the vehicle. All data queries can be executed without the help of a dispatcher. The officer can access databases using voice commands. Query results are read back audibly.

Installing the Project54 system requires only off-the-shelf hardware. In most cases, a department's existing equipment can be integrated into the Project54 system.

In developing the Project 54 system, an effort was made to keep the overall price low. The price of a complete system (embedded computer, LCD touch screen, and other electronics) is comparable to the price of a ruggedized police laptop computer. However, a department that is already using mobile data terminals, laptops, or tablet PCs could incorporate the Project54 system for well below \$1,000 per car.

The system software costs \$500. For that fee, the system can be installed on as many vehicles as the police department wishes. Maryland State Police has installed the system on 90 of its patrol vehicles so far.

*Information provided by
CATLab at the University of New Hampshire*

RECRUITERS PROCESS MARINES FOR TRAINING ACADEMY

For the second time in recent State Police history, members of the Recruitment and Selection Unit took their recruiting drive on the road, and traveled out of state to process prospective applicants. Members of the United States Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, and state police recruiters worked jointly to further the Marine 4 Life program. The program is geared toward assisting those members who are finishing their military service. The majority of the processing is normally completed at the State Police headquarters in Pikesville, Maryland. The process has been condensed for military personnel to minimize travel costs.

The prospective candidates were provided with an orientation to the State Police. A written examination will follow. Some were afforded the opportunity to participate in functional fitness testing. Marines traveled from as far away as California to take advantage of the streamlined recruiting opportunity. In an ever-increasing mobile society, state police recruiters will continue to evolve their efforts to find the best qualified candidates to become troopers.

"Members of our armed services who are interested in a career in law enforcement are encouraged to consider the Maryland State Police," said Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins, Secretary, Maryland State Police. "As they leave the ranks of the armed services, they will be welcome to continue serving in a meaningful career as a trooper."

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122ND TROOPER CANDIDATE CLASS GRADUATES

by Sergeant Thornnie O. Rouse, Office of Media Communications and Marketing

Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins, Secretary, Maryland State Police, was joined by area law enforcement executives and military commanders, as he presided over ceremonies for graduating candidates of the 122nd Academy Class. Forty-three troopers received their certificates on January 28, 2005 and were presented their official badges.

"You are an integral part of Governor Ehrlich's continued commitment to public safety," said Colonel Hutchins. "As the fourth graduating class during my tenure, you are joining the ranks of many across the state who work to accomplish our mission. We will continue to enforce the traffic and criminal laws of Maryland, minimize traffic disruptions and conduct homeland security operations. You are now a part of this proud tradition."

This is the second class to graduate from the Statewide Public Safety Education and Training Center of Sykesville. The new troopers endured a six-month, quasi-military regimen, and were taught the basics of traffic and criminal law enforcement. They reported to barracks across the state to receive eight weeks of additional instruction from a field training trooper before being allowed to patrol alone. Eighteen troopers reported to the Baltimore-Washington Troop, fifteen to the Southern Troop,

nine to the Eastern Troop, and one to the Western Troop.

Troopers Ricardo Amoroso, John Cumberland, Matthew Mann, Michael Sigmund and Jason Smullen followed in the footsteps of their relatives who are currently serving as Maryland State troopers. Trooper Todd Jonisheck's father is a retired Pennsylvania trooper.

We welcome the members of the 122nd Academy Class:

*Ricardo O. Amoroso III
Adam S. Argenbright
Norman D. Arnold II
Jason L. Batty
Theodore W. Bell
Arianne C. Bradtmueller
Delmas R. Brick, Jr.
Ethan A. Brown
Craig A. Ciccarelli
Justin J. Cioka
Michael S. Cox
John C. Cumberland
James R. Divilbiss
Jason R. Ewig
Brian W. Gaumer
Justin M. Gross
Aaron E. Harrod
Brian C. Hill
Adam M. Howard
William E. Jenkins IV
Todd P. Jonisheck
Joshua W. Justice
Richard K. Leatherwood, Jr.
Matthew G. Mann
Jeffrey P. McConaha
James E. Murphy
Michael P. Neilan
Todd C. Newill
Michael J. O'Connor, Jr.
Brooks A. Phillips
Michael P. Sigmund
Jeremy W. Smith
Jason A. Smullen
Corey S. Steffy
William R. Talbert
Thomas J. Thelen, Jr.
Edingel Torres
Joseph L. Wargo, Jr.
Joyce E. Watkins
Stephan R. Williams
Edward T. Wilson III
Nathan T. Wilson
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"From the old to the new. . . Class 122"

(MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)

RANK OF SERGEANT MAJOR REINSTATED Trooper Issues to be Number One Priority

by Greg Shipley, Office of Media Communications and Marketing

After more than 30 years, the unique position of Sergeant Major has returned to the ranks of the Maryland State Police for the important task of ensuring a clear channel of communication from the troopers on the road to the Secretary of the Department.

Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins officially reinstated the rank at the graduation ceremonies of the 122nd Trooper Candidate Class on January 28, 2005. Colonel Hutchins chose this occasion to underscore his philosophy that troopers working road patrol and in other direct law enforcement or support functions must understand his objectives and he must be aware of what they need to complete their missions effectively.

"The role of the Sergeant Major will be to carry my message to troopers and civilian support personnel throughout the state and ensure it is being understood," Colonel Hutchins said. "In turn, the Sergeant Major will gather information regarding the concerns and needs of employees in the field and will communicate those issues directly to me. Direct communication from the top-down and from the bottom-up is vital for the effective operation of any organization. The State Police Sergeant Major will be a crucial communication conduit whose work will assist me, benefit our troopers, and ultimately help us provide more effective law enforcement services for the people of Maryland."

Colonel Hutchins has a wealth of knowledge about this type of position and its importance in the command structure of an organization. He personally served as a Command Sergeant Major in the Maryland Army National Guard and retired at that rank last year, after more than 38 years of military service.

One of the first appointments Colonel Hutchins made after becoming Secretary of the Maryland Department of State Police was that of a "senior



Derek D. White
Sergeant Major

non-commissioned officer for trooper issues." During the past year, personnel research was done concerning the reinstatement of the sergeant major rank and discussions were held with employee groups about the responsibilities of the position.

Colonel Hutchins announced that First Sergeant Derek D. White, 47 years old, a 23-year veteran of the State Police, will continue to serve in the position he was appointed to last year and will become the first State Police Sergeant Major of the 21st century. "I had the pleasure of working with Sergeant Major White when I commanded the State Police Training Academy," Colonel Hutchins said. "He is an excellent leader who exemplifies the standards and tradition of a Maryland State Trooper in every way. His service in this role during the past year has been outstanding. He has the trust and respect of his fellow troopers and he has my complete confidence."

The rank of Sergeant Major in the Maryland State Police was created in 1923, before the Department officially formed and when troopers were under the command of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. It was abolished in 1970. While the duties of Sergeant Major have changed over the years, it was always regarded as a position of honor within the Department.

In reinstating the rank, Colonel Hutchins said there will be only one Sergeant Major in the Maryland State Police. The individual will be designated by the Secretary of the State Police and will serve at his/her pleasure.

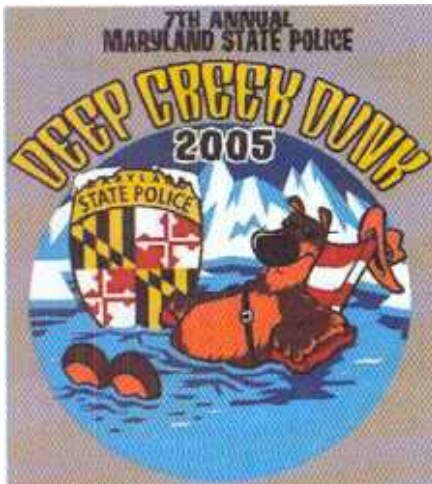


PLUNGE (continued) for raising \$9,577.

TOP FUND RAISERS	
Top Super Plunge Fund Raiser Tina Wehner-Ice - Elkridge, Maryland	\$25,000
Top Overall Plunge Fund Raiser Mark Huston - Ellicott City, Maryland	\$9,910
2 nd Place Plunge Fund Raiser Mark Cohen - Baltimore, Maryland	\$7,611
3 rd Place Plunge Fund Raiser Marty Bass - WJZ TV	\$4,700

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, PLUNGE!

Because of heavy traffic and transportation problems, some plungers didn't make it to the first Polar Bear Plunge. So, organizers gave them a second chance on Saturday, February 12 at Sandy Point State Park. More than 100 plungers raised an additional \$5,000 for Special Olympics Maryland. We thank them for their participation and taking our fund raising efforts over the top.



A big thanks to all those dunkers on February 26, 2005 for raising \$60,000 for Special Olympics Maryland.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the following who made financial contributions to pay for costs associated with the TFC Anthony Jones funeral and reception:

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AROUND THE STATE

Members from the Prince Frederick Barracks decided to give needed items to homebound elderly



Packages under the tree at the Prince Frederick Barracks were donated to the Calvert County Office on Aging.

citizens in Calvert County who were without family for the holidays.

Through the organization of PCO Pam Bryant, many nice gifts were donated and given to the Calvert County Office on Aging. Items included down throws, gloves, hot chocolate, socks, handkerchiefs, slippers, toiletries, cookies and tea.

Donations were received from PCO Pam Bryant, Office Secretary III Rita A. Gatton, Maintenance Mechanic Roger Armiger, Sergeant D. J. Cameron, Corporal D. L. Ruel, Sergeant D. Cupe, Sergeant N. Traas, and First Sergeant J. L. Wobbleton.

Mrs. Mohler of the Calvert County Office on Aging was most appreciative for the items and was shocked to see so many items. The items filled six boxes and were beautifully wrapped to brighten the recipients' Christmas.

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MSP's version of "Lord of the Rings" is not a movie. It is, however, an accurate description of the Department's longest tenured barrack commander for the last two decades. Lieutenant Raymond Grissett was promoted to lieutenant in November 1993. Ray was assigned to command the JFK Memorial Highway Barracks. Two years later he was assigned to command the Glen Burnie Barracks until 1996.

Two years later in 1998, Ray was transferred from the Staff Inspection Unit and became commander of the Golden Ring Barracks. Referred to as the "Ring" by its personnel, Ray proudly served as the commander from August 1998 to August 2004.

Considered by many as the consummate barrack

commander, Ray is quick to point out the outstanding efforts by many of the troopers and civilians who served the department under his command. Although Ray recalled having several great experiences, there are times that many of the tragedies he witnessed epitomized the sad realities of life.

When asked what were two of his most memorable incidents at the "Ring," Ray mentioned the Western Run Boulevard bridge collapse over I-695 during rush hour traffic in 1999, which unfortunately involved one fatality, but could have been much worse. On a humorous note, Ray recalled the time a bull got loose on I-795.

In August 2004, Ray was transferred to the new Staff Inspection Section (SIS), where he will serve as the assistant commander. Although he will miss the life of being a barrack commander, he now looks forward to the new challenges ahead with SIS. Ray would like to thank all of the men and women at the barracks for their support and dedication during his reign as MSP's "Lord of the Ring."

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We wish to thank Maryland State Police employees and citizens who donated toys to the WMAR-TV Channel 2 Toy Drive. The annual Christmas toy drive helps less fortunate families across the state. The Maryland State Police has been participating in the toy drive since 1999.



Sergeant T. O Rouse, Corporal Tim Adams and Cadet Chris Hall prepare to take donated toys to WMAR-TV in Baltimore.

**RETIREMENTS**

Blitz, Rose, TFC, JFK Memorial Highway Barracks, February 1, 2005, 9 years 9 months of service

Cameron, David J., Sergeant, Prince Frederick Barracks, January 1, 2005, 30 years 6 months of service

Cagle, Sr., Rufus L., Lieutenant, Homeland Security, December 1, 2004, 28 years 2 months of service

Combs, Kelvin M., TFC, Forestville Barracks, January 1, 2005, 24 years 2 months of service

Creswell, Clarence L., TFC, Bel Air Barracks, December 1, 2004, 35 years of service

Dingle, George A., Aviation Helicopter Mechanic, Aviation Command, April 1, 2005, 25 years 6 months of service

Draskovic, Robert C., TFC, Frederick Barracks, April 1, 2005, 20 years 9 months of service

Forbes, James M., First Sergeant, Glen Burnie Barracks, December 1, 2004, 28 years of service

Ford, Thomas A., TFC, Forestville Barracks, December 1, 2004, 9 years of service

Graham, Jr., Richard J., Sergeant, Cumberland Barracks, March 1, 2005, more than 27 years of service

Harden, Sr., William H., Captain, Eastern Troop Staff, March 1, 2005, more than 25 years of service

Hinkle, Dwayne L., Corporal, Forestville Barracks, March 1, 2005, 12 years of service

Jackson, Richard A., Sergeant, Aviation Command, December 1, 2004, 22 years of service

Johnson, Tyrone L., TFC, Bel Air Barracks, January 1, 2005, 24 years 10 months of service

Lambert, Kevin R., Lieutenant, Annapolis Barracks, December 1, 2004, 28 years 1 month of service

Lashley, Edwin L., Lieutenant Colonel, Field Operations Bureau Chief, April 1, 2005, 28 years of service

Little-Blueford, Teresa, Office Secretary III, Bel Air Barracks, April 1, 2005, 24 years 9 months of service

Lowry, Denton L., Sergeant, Hagerstown Barracks, January 1, 2005, 22 years 6 months of service

Mattingly, Michael R., Lieutenant, Cumberland Barracks, January 1, 2005, 32 years 5 months of service

Moser, Brian, Trooper First Class, Homeland Security and Intelligence Division, February 1, 2005, 23 years 5 months of service

Nolan, Philip P., Sergeant, Glen Burnie Barracks, January 1, 2005, 22 years of service

Norman, Richard E., Captain, Budget and Finance Section, March 1, 2005, 28 years 1 month of service

Patterson, Jennifer M., TFC, Bel Air Barracks, April 1, 2005, 6 years 8 months of service

Prince, Charles, Sergeant, Easton Barracks, April 1, 2005, 17 years 8 months of service

Prince, Virginia E., Sergeant, Centreville Barracks, April 1, 2005, 23 years 3 months of service

Reininger, Jr., John N., TFC, North East Barracks, May 1, 2005, 27 years 4 months of service

Roberts, Phylis M., TFC, Criminal Investigation Division, February 1, 2005, 26 years of service

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RETIREMENTS *(continued)*

Shipley, Gregory M., Major, Media Communications Section, January 1, 2005, 28 years of service

Spickler, Gregory E., Corporal, Hagerstown Barracks, January 1, 2005, 26 years 5 months of service

Sporrer, Bryan J., TFC, Bel Air Barracks, March 1, 2005, 27 years 4 months of service

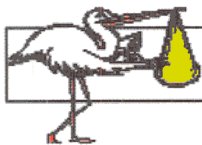
Stringfellow, John D., TFC, Easton Barracks, April 1, 2005, 7 years 6 months of service

Strucko, Eric, TFC, Special Operations Division, January 1, 2005, 17 years 2 months of service

Thomas, Anthony J., TFC, College Park Barracks, March 1, 2005, 15 years service

Vecera, Richard A., Sergeant, Field Operations Bureau, January 1, 2005, 31 years of service

Wilson, Steve W., TFC, Golden Ring Barracks, December 1, 2004, 17 years of service

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Avila, Gabriella, born November 29, 2004 to Trooper David Avila (Rockville Barracks) and wife, Autumn

Hutchins, Christopher E., born November 23, 2004, to Colonel Thomas E. Hutchins and wife, TFC Jacqueline Speelman (Security Services Section)

DEATH NOTICES

Alston, Louis, January 9, 2005, grandfather of PCO II Lavonde Alston, Waterloo Barracks

Bines, Ratha Mae, February 25, 2005, grandmother of PCO I Renee Johnson, Telecommunications Section

Bloyer, Dennis J., December 22, 2004, father-in-law of TFC Marty A. Speak, Frederick Barracks

Bonin, Raymond W., March 28, 2005, father of Cpl. Thomas Bonin, Technical Surveillance Unit

Bradley, E. James, April 1, 2005, grandfather of TFC Jeffrey Dean, CVED

Carey, Preston, January 11, 2005, Sergeant (Ret.), served the MSP for 22 years

Christian, Emmanuel, December 24, 2004, father of Cpl. Melanie R. Shockley, ASSED

Cobb, Hazel Mae, March 9, 2005, mother of TFC (Ret.) Carleton David Cobb and PCO Melissa Cobb, Glen Burnie Barracks

Cramblitt, Ellsworth D., March 16, 2005, brother of fallen hero Albert E. Cramblitt

Davis, William H., November 23, 2004, father of First Sergeant Gary Davis, Licensing Division

Forbes, Alverta, February 25, 2005, grandmother of Sgt. Edwin House, Police Academy Division

Foreman, Willis E., Corporal (Ret.), served the MSP for 26 years from 1953 to 1979

Hare, Ronald T., January 30, 2005, PCO (Ret.), served the Cumberland Barracks for over 30 years

Hebbia, James, January 30, 2005, stepfather of Cpl. Jason R. Leichtman, Annapolis Barracks

Hedrick, Jacqueline L., January 31, 2005, wife of Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector Larry G. Hedrick, CVED

Hollister, James, Sr., February 9, 2005, father of TFC Joanne A. Hollister, Bel Air Barracks

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DEATHS (continued)

Hunter, Lila Dell, March 7, 2005, mother of Clare J. Conley, Administrative Aide, Electronic Services Division

Johnson, Corine, January 22, 2005, retired Office Clerk, Central Records Division

Johnson, Vernon C., February 2, 2005, grandfather of Cindy Hoffman, Forensic Sciences Division

Jones, Hoyt A., Sr., TFC (Ret.), January 17, 2005, Served the MSP for 22 ½ years

Konek, William, February 19, 2005, father-in-law of TFC Timothy Morgan, CVED

Konzal, Olive, March 19, 2005, mother of Frank Konzal, Computer Network Specialist Supervisor, Information Technology Division

Lambdin, Joan L., September 11, 2004, wife of Sergeant (Ret.) Irvin Lambdin

Lashley, Thomas J., January 14, 2005, father of Lieutenant Colonel Edwin L. Lashley, Chief, Field Operations Bureau

Laughter, Ruth B., grandmother of TFC Darin Wagner, Westminster Barracks

Main, Charles V., March 11, 2005, Detective Sergeant (Ret.), served the MSP from 1937 to 1952

Mallon, David, December 4, 2004, brother of CVSI Charles Mallon, CVED

Meckley, Myrtle, January 10, 2005, grandmother of TFC Maximilian Schulte, JFK Barracks

Mohan, Augustus, December 31, 2004, father of Trooper Andrew Mohan, Forestville Barracks

Mondor, Joseph K., March 21, 2005, father of Cpl. Robert J. Mondor, Westminster Barracks

Moore, Ruth G., February 15, 2005, mother-in-law of Communications Supervisor Richard Goldsworthy, Cumberland Barracks

Murphy, Leonard W., November 24, 2004, father of Cpl. Dale Murphy, Princess Anne Barracks

Nelson, Joanne, April 5, 2005, mother of Det. Sgt. Daniel Nelson, Easton Barracks

Nicholson, Katherine, January 4, 2005, mother-in-law of Administrative Specialist III Brian Newcomer, ASED

Nightingale, Elaine, January 25, 2005, mother of PCO Leslie Nightingale, McHenry Barracks and cousin of Corporal (Ret.) Wayne Moffatt

Pertain, Nancy, December 24, 2004, mother of Sgt. Charles Pertain, North East Barracks

Pyles, Caryn, December 11, 2004, sister-in-law of TFC John Branham, Homicide Unit

Sachs, Carl A., January 11, 2005, grandfather of Lieutenant Walter L. Smith, CVED

Smith, Thomas S., III, February 9, 2005, Colonel (Retired), Superintendent from 1970 to 1982, served the MSP for 41 ½ years

Snyder, John C., December 10, 2004, father-in-law of Sgt. Edwin Karr, Bel Air Barracks

Stehlik, Kenneth, February 24, 2005, grandfather of TFC Rhoderick E. Barnes, Waterloo Barracks

Straight, Donald, December 18, 2004, father of Cpl. Kevin M. Straight, Flight Paramedic, Aviation Command

Thompson, Chuck, March 6, 2005, father of Craig L. Thompson, Civilian Helicopter Pilot, Aviation Command

Tobin, Kathleen E., March 7, 2005, mother of John J. Tobin, Jr., Director of the Forensic Sciences Division

Wallace, Frances, January 12, 2005, stepmother of TFC Stanley Slide, JFK Memorial Highway Barracks

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

- 6 Chiefs Challenge Ends
- 12 Maryland COPS Ride
- 13-17 Statewide Law Enforcement Torch Runs for Special Olympics
- 17-19 Maryland Special Olympics Summer Games, Unitas Stadium, Towson University
- 19-22 Maryland State Firemen's Convention
- 19-25 Smooth Operator Second Wave
- 21 SUMMER BEGINS
- 25-29 National Sheriffs' Association Annual Meeting

JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
- 24-30 Smooth Operator Third Wave

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Warner, Carol A., March 15, 2005, Sergeant (Ret.), wife of Deputy State Fire Marshal Tim Warner, served the MSP for 19 years

Washington, William J., December 29, 2004, father-in-law of PCO II Jacqueline Washington, Waterloo Barracks

Weitzel, Jeanette, January 17, 2005, mother of PCO II Alice Siegel, Bel Air Barracks

Youell, Frank, December 19, 2004, father of Office Secretary III Jean M. Busick, Centreville Barracks

Zeller, Robert T., January 26, 2005, brother of Lieutenant John E. Zeller, Police Academy Division

Zurolo, Sr., Joseph G., December 28, 2004, father of Deputy State Fire Marshal Joseph G. Zurolo, Jr., Fire Marshal's Office

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